Maharashtra during the last three years is as follows:

Government drug addiction rehabilitation centres.

(in 000 MTs)

Commodities	Year		
	93-94	94-95	95-96
Rice	858	858	858
Wheat	960	960	960
Sugar	386.23	368.48	383.88
Imported Edible Oil	2.60	12.50	30.00
soft Coke/ CIL Coke	24.00	24.00	24.00

(c) to (e) Increase in allocation by 1 per cent over the allocation for the previous year is adopted for kerosene only. States having per capita availability of SKO less than national average, are given higher increase as to reduce the disparity in the availability of SKO among different States/UTs in course of time. Maharashtras per capita availability is much higher than the national average.

Treatment of sex workers having HIV infection in drug rehabilitation centers

1680. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether sex workers who are HIV petients are not admitted in Government drug addiction rehabilitation centres for treatment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to open separate centres for treatment of sex workers who test HIV Positive?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) According to the information made available by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, patients who are HIV positive whether they are sex workers or otherwise, are admitted for treatment in

Mining lease for chrome ore in sukhinda mines in Orissa

1681. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether close on the heels of the controversial mining lease of Bailadilla in Madhya Pradesh another mining lease for chrome ore in Sukhinda mines in Cuttack district of Orissa has been made;

(b) if so, the terms of the Sukhinda mining lease; and

(c) the procedure followed in granting the lease, indicating the details of competitive tenders received for this lease from different parties;

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble High Court of Orissa disposed of writ petitions OJC No. 7729/93 and OJC No. 4701/94 filed by TISCO against orders of the Central Government conveying approval of 2nd renewal of mining lease for chromite over the reduced area in Sukhinda Vally of Orissa and a series of other writ petitions filed by other parties vide its common